

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael Pigg, Principal of Watertown Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as educational leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished and deserving individual is Michael Pigg, a teacher and educational administrator, who has been named principal of Watertown Middle School; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, Michael Pigg is a graduate of Lipscomb University and began his teaching career there as an adjunct math instructor in January 2006; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Knoxville to pursue a graduate degree in mathematics at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Pigg spent 2008 to 2011 teaching math at Carter High School in Knox County; during which time, he completed a masters of educational leadership at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, serving as assistant principal of Watertown Elementary School since July 2011, Michael Pigg helped the school to achieve a total value added index that ranks in the top three percent of all elementary and middle schools in Tennessee and a state report card consisting of all A's and one B, the highest grades the school has ever received; and

WHEREAS, because of his accomplishments, commitment to excellence in his staff, and his dedication to the students of Watertown, Mr. Pigg was the obvious choice for principal of the new middle school that will open in August of this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pigg enjoys the love and support of his wife, Stephanie Parker Pigg, and is the proud father of sons, Carter and Alex; and

WHEREAS, with humble enthusiasm for his new position, Michael Pigg vows that instilling personal pride in students and pride in their school, developing and nurturing passion for learning, and continuing to build on the past successes will be the central goals for the coming school year; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, the robustness of our economy, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication and success of educators like Michael Pigg, who use their considerable talents and abilities to create and maintain effective, wholesome learning environments for Tennessee's youth and prepare them for the future; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge Mr. Pigg for his many contributions to the students and schools of Wilson County and to applaud his ascension to the position of principal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Michael Pigg on his recent success in being named principal of the new Watertown Middle School and wish him success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.